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TAGS: PINS, PREL, AMGT, CASC  
SUBJECT: MGRWO2: SITUATION REPORT NO 1, AS OF 1200,  
EDT, 07/23/94

1. (U) AN ESTIMATED 1.5 MILLION RWANDAN REFUGEES HAVE  
FLED TO ZAIRE SINCE JULY 15. ABOUT 1.2 MILLION ARE IN  
GOMA. THE OTHERS ARE IN BUKAVU (275,000) AND KAMANYOLA  
(20,000). INFLOWS INTO GOMA HAVE STOPPED, BUT THERE  
CONTINUES TO BE A STEADY INFUX (2,000 PER HOUR) INTO  
THE BUKAVU AREA. ACCORDING TO MSF, AN ESTIMATED 5,000

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REFUGEES HAVE DIED SINCE THE GOMA CRISIS BEGAN. MSF HAS  
RECORDED 1,780 CASES OF CHOLERA, WITH 350 DEATHS ON  
FRIDAY ALONE. (USAID/DART, REUTER)

2. (LOU) THE SECOND EUCOM ASSESSMENT TEAM FLEW  
DIRECTLY TO GOMA, ARRIVING MID-MORNING JULY 23. THE  
TEAM WILL LATER TRAVEL TO KAMPALA AND MEET WITH UNAMIR,  
UNHCR AND THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS DIVIDING UP USE OF THE  
ENTEBBE AIRPORT AND ESTABLISHING THE JTF BASE. THE GOU  
IS PROVIDING FULL SUPPORT FOR RELIEF OPERATIONS AND HAS  
ISSUED BLANKET APPROVAL FOR U.S. FLIGHTS. (TELCONS WITH  
PM-COL. LAYTON IN KAMPALA AND J5)

3. (C) AMB. GINSBERG IN RABAT WILL MEET WITH THE  
MOROCCAN PRIME MINISTER TODAY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF  
MOROCCAN TROOPS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR RELIEF WORKERS IN  
GOMA. EMBASSY RABAT HAS ASKED FOR AN ESTIMATE OF THE  
NUMBER OF TROOPS NEEDED. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES (BASED  
ON 500 RELIEF WORKERS IN THE AREA) INDICATE THAT AS MANY  
AS TWO BATTALIONS OF TROOPS MAY BE NEEDED. (WORKING  
GROUP/EMBASSY RABAT TELCON)

4. (C) RWANDAN PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU PHONED A/S MOOSE  
JULY 23. MOOSE BRIEFED THE RWANDAN LEADER ON THE US

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HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE, ADVISED HIM OF THE MISSION TO KIGALI OF AMBASSADOR RAWSON, AND URGED HIM TO CREATE CONDITIONS TO ENCOURAGE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO RWANDA. BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT RWANDA WELCOMED THE RESPONSE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WAS ANXIOUS TO WORK WITH UNHCR AND OTHERS, AND SHARED THE US CONCERNS ABOUT THE RETURN OF REFUGEES. AMBASSADOR RAWSON WILL BE ARRIVING IN

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KIGALI (VIA NAIROBI) ON SUNDAY, JULY 24.  
(MOOSE/BIZIMUNGU TELCON, WORKING GROUP/EMBASSY NAIROBI  
TELCON)

5. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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